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DEERS/RAPIDS MONTHLY UPDATE

To: Site Security Managers, Super-Verifying Officials, & Verifying Officials

From: Army Project Officer

This is series of monthly DEERS/RAPIDS updates focusing on matters of interest to Army SSM/SVO/VO's.

These updates are intended to provide up to date information and/or clarification of policy and procedural issues related your DEERS/RAPIDS operations.

Security Requirements of SSM and VO:

The Security Clearance Requirements specifically states that a DoD National Agency Check with Inquires (NACI) is mandatory for U.S. DoD military, civilian and contractor personnel. All RAPIDS users must be in compliance with the investigative requirements as outlined in DoD Regulation 5200.2- which contains the detailed guidance on personnel security investigation and adjudication process.

It is the Department of Army's policy that a Site Security Manager must possess, at a minimum a completed and favorable adjudicated National Agency Check with Inquires or higher clearance within the Joint Personnel Adjudication System (JPAS). All DEERS/RAPIDS Verifying Officials must have a submitted National Agency Check with Inquires (NACI) within JPAS.

Please keep in mind that a National Agency Check with Inquires is only valid if there has not been a break in service or a change in status from the date of the original submission.

TA 180:

As a result of The National Defense Authorization Act of 2008 military personnel who are eligible to receive transitional assistance are now authorized commissary and exchange privileges for a period of two years. The Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC) has recently revised the RAPIDS data system in order to assign the appropriate benefits within DEERS.

Official policy guidance is forth coming.

Children out of wedlock:

The Policy Memorandum Guidance for Voluntary Acknowledgement of Paternity was effective January 24, 2008. The Paternity Attachment memo specifically indicates that the state where the child and mother located will be where the acknowledgment form will come from. Keep in mind each state is different in their requirements so in order to provide the correct document for the ID card facilities individuals are to click on the link provided in the attachment, select the state and follow the instructions given (the link only provides a "sample" copy of what the form looks like, however instructions are listed as well as where to locate each form).

Sponsor then has 30 days to remove this child, after which the child will remain eligible until his/her 21st or 23rd birthday. If sponsor chooses to remove the child within the 30 day window, sponsor is to proceed to an ID card facility, an 1172 is printed out with specific remarks indicating sponsors request to have the child removed from DEERS; this is then sent to the Army Project Office for processing.

Further policy guidance will be followed through by a HRC MIPLER Message.

Military Personnel Locator:

Regulations do not permit random dissemination of listings of names and addresses of service personnel. These regulations have been established to protect individual service men and women to their right of privacy. As a result of a large volume of calls that come into the Project Office the following information is to be distributed to customers seeking assistance and who are requesting sponsor information. The web link to the Department of Defense Military Locator is:

<http://www.defenselink.mil/faq/pis/PC04MLTR.html>

Requests for military addresses should be sent to the respective service of the individual whose address is being sought. The locator service is free to immediate family members and government officials; the Army will help you locate individuals on active duty only. Mail your request to:

Commander
U.S. Army Enlisted Records & Evaluation Center
ATTN: Locator
8899 East 56th Street
Fort Benjamin Harrison, IN 46249-5301
1-866-771-6357

I recommend you keep this email and all future monthly information updates as references in conjunction with information published in the Message of The Day (MOTD) on the Verifying Official Information System (VOIS) for DEERS/RAPIDS users. I hope this information is helpful to you.

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